

## FREMONT GARDEN CLUB

The FGC held their February meeting on February 24th at the Fremont Public Library. After a short business meeting, the group viewed the movie, "A Man Named Pearl." Pearl is a man with inherent talent in topiary who transformed his 3 acres of land into beautiful gardens.

Plans were finalized for the FGC's Town Election Day activities on March 10, 2009. Refreshments were provided by Laurel Earnshaw and Carolyn Carr.

On election day, the FGC held a raffle and bake sale at the Fremont Safety Complex. In addition, the club furnished the election workers lunch for the day. Thank you to all of the members who donated food and items for the sales.

A special thank you to Wayne Welch of Radio Grove Hardware, and Karen Vinson of Ben Franklin/Ace Hardware, both located in Raymond, for their donations to the "Power Outage Basket."

Patti Gentile and Carolyn Carr attended the Welcome Spring! '09 Garden Symposium sponsored by the New Hampshire Master Gardener Association on March 14th at the Grappone Center in Concord, NH.

The theme of the Symposium was "Creating Home Outside." Afternoon workshops were presented on various topics of flower and vegetable gardening outside. Information will be distributed to all of the FGC members.

The next meeting of the FGC will be held on March 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at the Safety Complex with guest speaker Guy Giunta who will speak on the Wildflowers of New Hampshire's Highways as well as the Lilac Commission. All interested person are invited to attend.

## CAKE BAKE OFF & WALK COMPETITION

Calling all families, students, seniors and community members...The Fremont PTA is hosting a CAKE BAKE OFF & WALK COMPETITION! There is a \$1 registration fee to bake and decorate the most fun, exciting, creative cake you can at home. On Saturday, March 28th at 2:00 pm the cakes will be put on display, in the Ellis School Gym, for judging. Every event attendee will be given one vote in each of four age categories. Not interested in baking?? No problem, come on over to be a judge and play for a chance to take a cake home! After the votes are tallied and prizes awarded, the cakes will be given away in a fun "cake walk" game. For a small fee you can buy a ticket to walk to the music and hope to be the lucky one standing on a winning spot! Each ticket purchased will also be entered in a raffle, which will wrap up the event. All proceeds will go toward PTA sponsored programs and mini grants. However, this event was conceived with the hope of encourage creativity, bringing families together and connecting the community at all levels. Registration forms will be made available at the Fremont Town Hall, Fremont Public Library or from our website [www.fremontpta.org](http://www.fremontpta.org). Questions can be directed to Jennifer Brown at (603) 244 2721 or via email at [bakingbrownies@comcast.net](mailto:bakingbrownies@comcast.net).

## ASSESSING UPDATES

The Town had proposed to begin the 2010 update process this fall, but the warrant article did not pass at Town Meeting. Therefore we cannot undertake it in time to be completed as required for 04/01/2010. The Selectmen recently met with our Assessing Contractors as part of the annual review of assessing services and discussed this.

The current sales ratio analysis is 104.6% for the 2008 tax year as set by the NH Department of Revenue Administration. This means that properties are considered to be assessed at approximately 4.6% higher than market value. With the current market conditions, this is likely to increase, and the valuation update would have corrected this disparity.

If we are not ordered to do a revaluation/update in the interim, this article will be back before voters in March of 2010. If the BTLA orders the Town to do the update based on the Statute and the NH

Constitution, it will cost more than we had planned, and would be added to the tax rate as mandated by the NH DRA.

Please watch for updates on this important matter.

## FREE CHILD FIND

The Fremont School District will sponsor an area Child Find Program. The program is FREE, and is designed to identify and screen children from birth through age five who are suspected of having learning disabilities that may interfere with later school progress. The screening is FREE and available to all families living in the town of Fremont.

Children will be screened in the areas of learning, speech and language, fine and gross motor skills and hearing and vision. Results of the assessments will be available to parents at the time of the screening. All information will be kept confidential and will only be released to other professionals, ie: school system or physician, with parental consent.

The screening will take place Friday April 17, 2009 at the Ellis Elementary School. Appointments are a must.

For more information and appointments please call the Ellis School at 895-2511, ext 425.

## HOOD MILK CHALLENGE

Has your son/daughter taken the Challenge (mentioned in the February newsletter) and begun to collect twenty-five (25) "3-A-Day" Hood milk caps to receive his/her coupon for a FREE slice of pizza and a small drink at the Fremont Pizzeria? This Challenge is on through the month of April, and can include the 2009 Sox Tops which will begin to appear on Hood milk beginning on April 1st. Forms (to be included in your baggie of Hood "3-A-Day" and 2009 milk caps) are available in the milk jug collection container at either the Town Hall or Public Library for children who do not attend Ellis School; for Ellis students, forms can be found near the milk jug collection container in the lobby. Please rinse and dry your milk caps before putting them in your collection baggie ~ Thank You! Call Faith Levesque 679-9537 with questions.

## 4H CLUB & SUMMER CAMP

Does your child love horses and ponies? Girls and boys ages 5 to 18 years are welcome to attend Peppermint Ponies 4H club meetings every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month from 6 – 7:30 pm at North Road Farm, 370 North Road, Fremont as guests to learn more about equines, 4H and Summer Camp. Meeting dates are 3/25, 4/8, 4/22, 5/13, 5/27. No experience or horse ownership is necessary. Questions? Contact Leader Jan Brubacher at 679 3367; [j.brubacher@comcast.net](mailto:j.brubacher@comcast.net), [www.peppermintponies4h.org](http://www.peppermintponies4h.org), [www.northroadfarm.com](http://www.northroadfarm.com) or stop by to visit. Scholarships available.

## FOR SALE BY SEALED BID

Former animal control vehicle, AS SEEN, AS IS. Vehicle is a 1993 GMC pickup with rear cap, color blue, stripped of all emergency equipment, and lettering. Vehicle available immediately, as seen as is, runs hard. No warranty or guarantee to be provided. Current mileage: 217,689.

Vehicle can be viewed at the Fremont Safety Complex, 425 Main Street, in the rear parking lot. Questions should be directed to Chief Neal Janvrin at 895-2229.

Bids should be sealed in an opaque envelope marked clearly as ACO TRUCK BID. Bids are due in the Selectmen's Office not later than 4:00 pm on Thursday April 16, 2009 for public opening that evening at the Selectmen's Meeting.

The successful bidder will have 14 days to submit cash or certified funds to the Town for payment and make the bill of sale transfer; and remove vehicle from Town Property.

The Town reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids as deemed to be in the best interest of the Town of Fremont NH.

## EASTER FOOD BASKETS

The Fremont Food Pantry will once again be sponsoring their annual Easter Holiday Food Baskets. If you would like to sign up to receive a baskets, please contact Kathy at 895 1162. We kindly ask that you respond no later than Monday April 6th.

If you would like to help the Pantry by donating to the food baskets, the list below are items that are placed into every basket.

Ham/Turkey	Fresh Potatoes
Stuffing	Fresh squash
Cranberry sauce	Fresh carrots
Pineapple	Rolls
Gravy	Butter
Juice	Canned vegetables
Dessert	Fresh fruit
Bag of Easter Candy	Disposable Turkey pan
Gift Card to Hannaford	

If you would like more information, please contact Kathy at the number above. All calls to the Fremont Food Pantry are completely confidential.

## CAMP FREMONT SUMMER PROGRAM

**The Camp Fremont Summer Program will soon be accepting registrations for six week-long camp sessions running from July 6th- August 14th.** Camp Fremont is a safe environment where your child can develop emotionally, socially, and physically for the summer. With a low camper-to-counselor ratio, your child will receive a lot of individual attention. Campers will participate in a variety of physical and arts & crafts activities, as well as attend field trips and be entertained by educational presenters. Each session will be offered according to an overall theme which will ensure that you are signing your child up for activities that they will enjoy. Field trip costs and a free Camp Fremont t-shirt are included in the tuition rate. Come see how much fun Camp Fremont can be!

**WHO:** Students who will be enrolled in grades 2-9 during the 2009-2010 school year.

**WHEN:** Monday – Friday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

**WHERE:** Ellis School gymnasium – 432 Main Street, Fremont

**COST:** **Please read carefully as Camp Fremont has made many adjustments to help parents afford camp during tough economic times:**

- \$85.00 per week (includes the cost of field trips and a free t-shirt). This cost is less than \$3 per hour of enrichment for your child.
- Families who are sending siblings- the second sibling attending the same week is discounted to \$75 and any additional siblings (3rd or more child from same family) may attend camp during the same week for \$25 each. This means a family of 3 siblings may attend one week of camp for \$185.
- Campers who are attending multiple weeks- Camp Fremont is offering a progressive \$10 discount for campers who sign up for multiple weeks. Those attending all six weeks of camp will be offered the following discount: Week 1- \$85, Week 2- \$75, Week 3- \$65, Week 4- \$55, Week 5- \$45, Week 6- \$35.
- Extended Hours- Camp Fremont is also offering before-care from 7:30-9:00 am and after-care from 3:00-4:00 pm. Each of these services is \$10 per week. Parents who do not need a full week of this service may pay \$5 per day for 7:30 am to 4:00 pm coverage.

Students who are interested in joining our **Counselor in Training Program** may visit the Recreation website listed below and fill out an application for acceptance. This program is for students who wish to acquire the skills needed to become a paid Camp Counselor. Participants must have completed 7th grade and demonstrate exceptional maturity to participate in our CIT or Jr CIT

programs. Campers enrolled in the CIT program may attend at a discounted rate and participation in the program is contingent upon positive weekly performance evaluations.

For your convenience, registration forms and camp information guides will soon be available at the Ellis School, Fremont Town Hall, Fremont Public Library, and online at <http://www.fremont.nh.gov/fnhgparkrec1.shtml>.

Please return all paperwork and fees to the Selectmen's Office at the Fremont Town Hall (295 Main Street if dropping off in person); or by mail to PO Box 120, Fremont NH 03044-0120.

Please email the Camp Director Jen Jaquith, with any questions at [missj1133@yahoo.com](mailto:missj1133@yahoo.com).

## FEE SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING

The Fremont Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on April 16, 2009 at 6:45 pm at the Fremont Town Hall, basement meeting room, 295 Main Street in Fremont NH to discuss changes to the Town's Fee Schedule. The changes include updates to permitting fees to make for a combination fee for the installation of generators which is less costly to permittees; and some new publication costs including the NRI and Master Plans.

The full schedule of changes will be available in the Town Offices, posted at town buildings, and on the website at [www.fremont.nh.gov](http://www.fremont.nh.gov) on the Board of Selectmen page, after April 1, 2009. The public is invited to attend.

## DOG LICENSES

The 2009 dog licenses are available at the Town Clerk's office. A current rabies vaccination is required for licensing, as the Clerk's office is required to retain a copy of the vaccination certificate. Please be sure to license your dog(s) by April 30<sup>th</sup> to prevent the initiation of a late penalty of \$1.00 per month. If you no longer have a dog(s) please contact the office so we can remove your name from the list. As required by RSA 466:1, all dogs must be licensed each year by April 30<sup>th</sup>.

For your convenience, we can mail your license(s) for an additional fee of \$1.00 per dog. Please include a photocopy of your valid Rabies Certificate with your check and the dog's information for licensing.

Call the Town Clerk's Office with any questions at 895 8693.

## SCHOOL BOARD UPDATES

The 2008-2009 Fremont School Board thanks you for passage of the budget for the operation of the School District next year. The Fremont School Board will work diligently to provide the best educational services possible with the compromised budget. We appreciate your time and fortitude at what was a very long and intensive School District Meeting. We recognize this is a very challenging year economically for all.

The Board first and foremost has to be sensitive to the educational needs of our children, to meet and honor federal and state guidelines, while balancing the financial impact these needs have. We heard repeatedly through the meeting the concerns of many on how the tax payer's money is being managed. We want you to know that over the past year we have evaluated our SAU needs and have looked at several options for management at the Superintendent level. As we honor the contracts that have been in place at the SAU level thru the 2008-2009 operational year, we are continuing to evaluate the District needs. That work will continue during the remaining months of this budgetary cycle.

We are hopeful that it will be possible to make cost effective changes to our SAU structure that will not adversely impact the level of service that is required.

The Fremont School Board 2008-2009

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